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LU's Carpenter nets OUA single season scoring record

BY DEREK RENZINI
SPORTS EDITOR

This past Friday at the Ben Avery Gymnasium, Cassandra Carpenter etched her way into the history books. The All-Canadian forward from the Laurentian Lady Vees basketball team set the new OUA single season scoring record, exceeding the previous record set by Jodie Ebeling of Brock University, who set the record last year with 430 points.

Going into Friday night's contest against the Royal Military College Paladins, Carpenter only needed 6 points to claim the record. With three minutes and twenty-two seconds remaining in the first half, she caught a pass in traffic and as she has grown accustomed to doing, effortlessly finished the play. This routine basket captured the record once and for all. Carpenter went on to finish the game with 30 points, 5 assists, 7 rebounds and 3 steals as the Lady Vees easily defeated RMC 99-35. Carpenter, who has been very humble and modest about her "record chase" for the past month, ultimately credits her teammates for her success.

"Now that it's over, it feels great to have done it in front of our home crowd and alumni who were here and cheering for us but my teammates were the reason I got there," said Carpenter.

However, even though the 3rd All-Star does a good job of downplaying her great achievement, Lady Vees Head Coach Mike Clark, reflects on what a truly amazing feat she attained.

"It's a big accomplishment; it's not easy to score as consistently as she does. It's not like she scores 30 one night and 10 another. She gets her 20 to 30 every night," he said. "She's just a great kid to coach. We're really proud of her, and she's a good teammate too, not just a good player."

Surprisingly, coming out of high school Carpenter wasn't a highly recruited player and was overlooked by many universities. But with her positive attitude and unmatched work ethic, she wasted no time making a name for herself as a member of Laurentian's Lady Vees basketball team.



CASSANDRA CARPENTER

"When I came to Laurentian, I wasn't looking to break any records. I wasn't even expecting more than 10-15 minutes a game," said Carpenter. "But with the support of my team, school, family and friends, I have realized anything is possible as long as I'm willing to work for it".

In her rookie year she was named an OUA East 2nd Team All-Star, OUA East Rookie of the Year, CIS All-Rookie Team, CIS Rookie of the Year and the Laurentian Female Athlete of the Year.

Remarkably, in her second season, she continued to raise the bar. She was named the OUA East Defensive Player of the Year, OUA East Player of the Year, CIS 1st Team All-Star, and once again the Laurentian's Female Athlete of the Year.

Now in her third season, Carpenter has dominated opposing teams all season long as her and her teammates prepare to make a push deep into the playoffs.

"Our team is starting now to get into playoff form in that we are keeping our intensity up and controlling what we can," said Carpenter. "If we can continue playing this well throughout the playoffs our goal of Nationals is quite possible."

With a player like Cassandra Carpenter leading the way, the sky is no doubt the limit for this Lady Vees Basketball Team.

U of S, faculty reach settlement

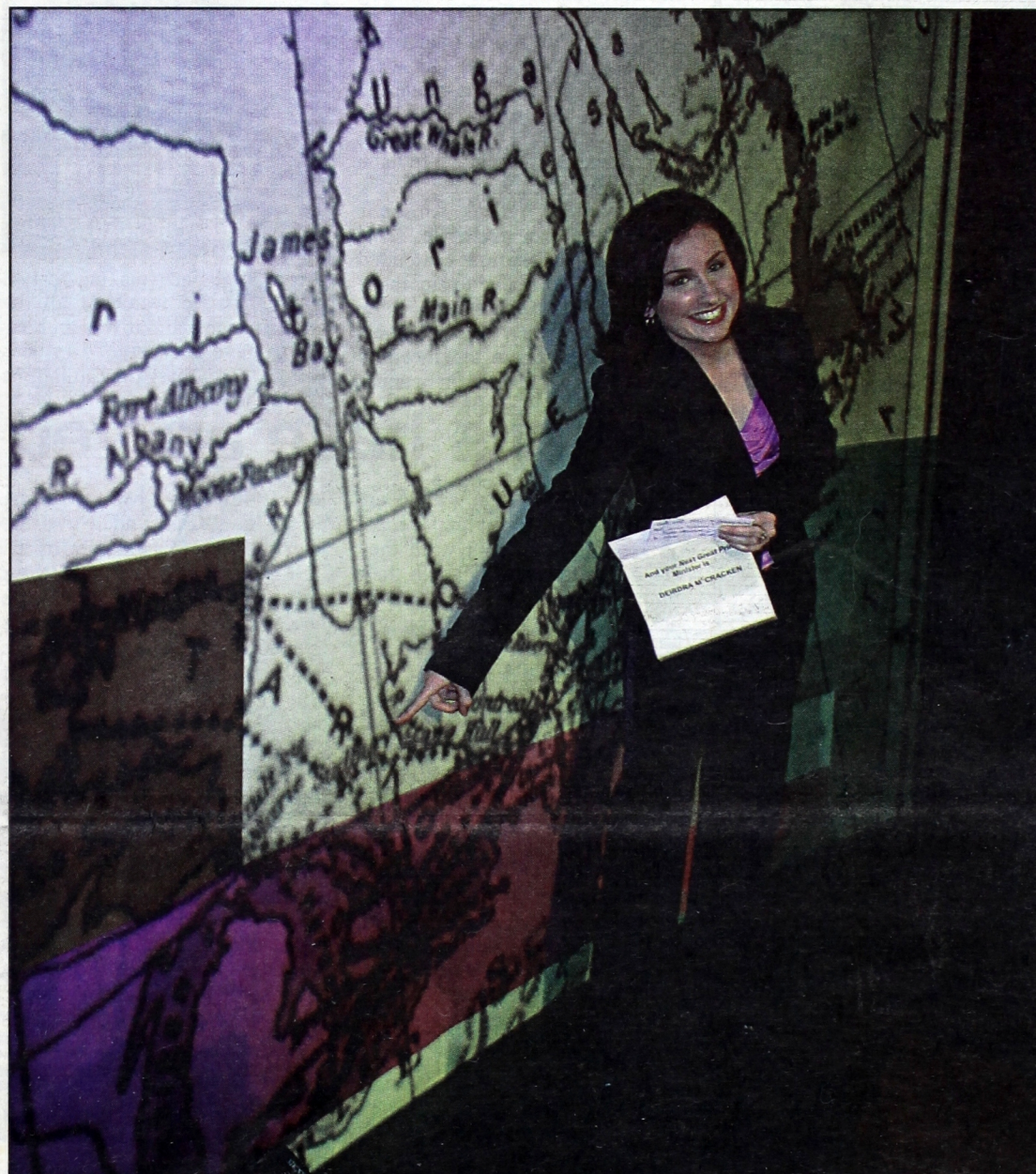
BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After months of negotiations, the University of Sudbury Faculty Association and Board of Regents of the University of Sudbury have reached an agreement.

Representatives from the University of Sudbury Faculty Association confirmed last week that

the members had voted in favour of accepting the agreement.

The decision follows on the heels of settlements between Laurentian University Faculty Association and the university last term, and between Laurentian University Faculty Association - H and the Board of Regents for Huntingdon University in late January.



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Deidra McCracken, who graduated from Laurentian's Political Science program in 2004, was the winner of the political contest, The Next Great Prime Minister, netting herself at \$50,000 prize.

Laurentian grad the Next Great Prime Minister

BY LAURA THERRIEN

LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

Could Deidra McCracken possibly be the future Prime Minister of Canada? You may not see her in the next election, but this young Laurentian Graduate is on her way to becoming a great leader after winning the political contest the Next Great Prime Minister.

McCracken was one of five finalists, out of hundreds of applicants to prove her ability as a great leader. The final competition consisted of a one-on-one question period between each individual contestant and the four judging former prime ministers at which time McCracken stated her position on key issues affecting Canadians.

"The word that linked my platform together was 'choice.' I feel Canadians need to have more of a say where their money is concerned," said McCracken.

McCracken stood confidently in front of an audience of 1,300 people and explained her vision of a better Canada. Among some of her points, she drove in her message of a mixed-delivery health care system which would give Canadians more options and have private organizations relieve some the pressure off the public. During the debate session, McCracken also faced some tough criticism on her beliefs of empowering Canadians but eloquently drove her point home, ending the session with the last word.

McCracken was well informed in all topics of discussions and played devil's advocate to many of her competitors ideas. Much of her knowledge can be attributed to Laurentian University, where she completed her Honors BA in Science Politique in

2004.

"The different term papers I wrote for various political science classes at Laurentian have contributed to my understanding of the Canadian political system. The professors in the Political Science department looked for a certain level of analysis when correcting students' work, and so the effort had to be more than just an account of events; that emphasis on the analytical has definitely helped me get to where I am today."

In addition to the education McCracken received at Laurentian, she had the opportunity to complete her final year at the University of Limerick, Ireland, where her work was published in the History Society's journal, History Studies. She has also gained valuable experience at the American-European Academy in Austria where she was the only Canadian in to participate in discussions on transatlantic political and economic relations. McCracken is currently completing her Masters at the Université Laval where she is working on a thesis that addresses the extent in which journalists are capable of handling public opinion polls.

The road to success is reaching its height. After winning the \$50,000 prize award, McCracken is now considering many great offers, including a six month paid internship at the three sponsoring organizations: Magna International, The Dominion Institute and the Arthur Kroeger College of Public Affairs. Once she has completed this phase of learning experience, McCracken plans to pursue work in the political arena. Her determination, audacity and humanistic values makes her a voice that one day will be an asset to Parliament Hill.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Students doing impressive work for charity

Well it's the midway crunch time once again. It always strikes me as odd that "reading" weeks are preceded by a week of intense chaos and stress. It strikes me that these weeks require a week to recuperate from, but by the end of the week off you realize that you haven't done all the work you need to do for the following week, and you end up just as stressed, if not more, than when you started the break. Oh well, such is the life of the student I guess. It is remarkable the amount of mental punishment we can take and still manage to have a good time.

Take the recent Airbands competition for example. This year was the first time I attended the event, and I have to say that I was absolutely stunned by how fantastic it was. That students were able to come together and raise over \$10,000 for cancer



LUKE NORTON
SGA PRESIDENT

research was an amazing feat. It was a blast to watch of all the performances, and it was an honour to have been invited to be a part of the night. Congratulations

to all of the bands, not just the three winners; there were some fantastic performances... and I still have the Time Warp rolling around in my head. UC/SSR is still selling blue awareness bands (like the Livestrong bands, but cooler and less sponsored by Nike) for a low \$3, and they will be selling DVD copies of the event sometime in the near future. I encourage everyone to pick up one or the other, or even better one of each, and help them raise even more money for cancer research.

If I can take off my hat as SGA/AGE president for a moment, I'd like to talk to you about another student-run charity that is having some trouble getting off the ground. The Laurentian Meal Exchange chapter is trying to run an event called Skip-A-Meal for the end of the year this year. How the program works is at the end of the semes-

ter Meal Exchange sets up table down in the Great Hall and asks students to take some of that soon-to-be leftover money on their meal plan cards and donate it to charity. The problem is that Aramark isn't being receptive to allowing the group to run the program. So the group over at Meal Exchange has started a petition and letter campaign to Aramark to get them to at least meet with us and come up with other alternatives for putting on the event. If you are interested in helping Meal Exchange try and get this event through, come into the SGA/AGE office and sign the petition.

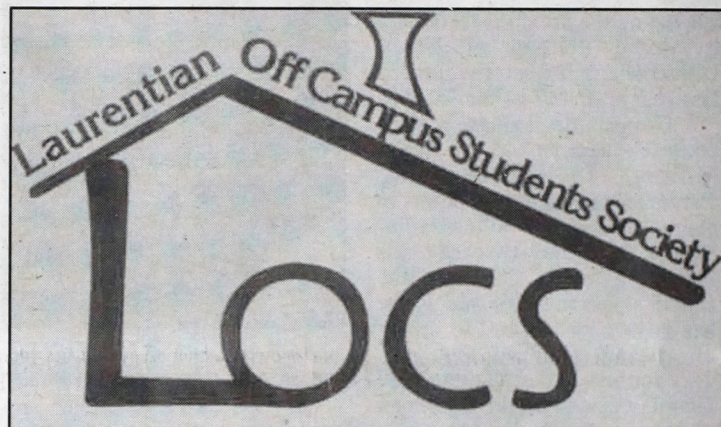
I hope you all have a safe and great week off. Don't let the stress of this week get to you; remember that it will soon be done and you can spend the next week relaxing and having fun before panicking about assignments once again.

Details have arrived for the LOCS Formal

It's the time of the year where love is in the air and people are thinking about what they are going to be doing with their futures. For those of you that do not know what it is that you will be doing about your future, I have good news. I am here to tell you what it is that you are going to be doing, or at the very least should be doing in the very near future, and that is going to the LOCS formal. So here is the info that you are going to need to get your sweet heart or friend out to the big event. The Formal is going to be at Respects is Burning, which is located on Durham Street across from the Bank of Montreal. The cost is \$35 per person, which is awesome. The formal will be held on

March 4th. Arrival time is 6pm, dinner is at 7pm and if you are later than 7pm, a member of the LOCS council will consume your meal for you. Tickets are on sale now in the LOCS office, which is located in the SGA office. There is a bar on site, so for those of you of age to drink, bring your cash. We would also like to send a special thanks out to Erin McQuaid for all the help that she has been in the making of the tickets for formal.

On to other things. A large number of the LOCS council that has broken their buns to bring you all these events this year will be graduating this, which means that the LOCS Executive is going to be hurting for people next year. So if you want to see any events



like the ones you have enjoyed this year, we are going to need people to take up the line and join. Anybody that is interested in joining LOCS can find our office at the same place you will be

buying your formal tickets. So when you pick them up, join the council and save Sarah. So that is all for me this issue, to my loyal fan base remember that the stars are the moon of the way.

Today's Student

Does your friend have an eating disorder?

Many University students are uncertain about how to eat properly while at school. Given all we are challenged with during our academic year, eating should be one of our easier subjects, right? Well, not always! For some, food and eating becomes a constant daily struggle. To eat or not to eat becomes an uphill battle. Recent estimates suggest that one in five university women struggle with an eating disorder. She could be your roommate, your sister, your girlfriend, or even you. Also, more and more men are struggling with eating disorders that students find themselves struggling with. No more secrets...

Eating disorders are illnesses with a biological basis influenced by emotional and cultural factors. For many of us, food is a celebration but for others, food can also be a source of anxiety, distress and shame. These disorders can be seen as an outward and physical expression of pain and confusion. The emotional distress may be the result of a negative self-perception, relationship or family problems, anxiety or depression, and overwhelming feelings of being unable to change the unwanted things about themselves or their situation.

Let's bring it out into the open. People with eating disorders often have feelings of needing to be in control and fear of being controlled or out of control. Food becomes an unhealthy way of taking control. Weight, eating, dieting and body image can keep us pre-occupied in this western culture of ours as we are constantly being bombarded with media images that do the math for us: perfection = thin + beautiful + successful (dangerous equation). That's just the tip of the iceberg...

Common disorders are anorexia, bulimia, compulsive eating, and non-specified eating disorders. Anorexia relates to severe, sometimes life threatening weight loss because of distorted ideas about body size and weight. The person suffering from anorexia thinks they are fat when they are dangerously thin. People with bulimia develop a pattern of binge eating and then rid themselves of it by vomiting or purging themselves with laxatives. This causes severe health implications. Compulsive eaters cannot control their intake of food in response to feelings of need and comfort. Binging is followed by self-disgust and shame, which usually then leads to a cycle of binging and dieting. Non-specified disorders can affect many,

are not clear-cut and can include many combined patterns.

No time to waste! How to help yourself? Recognizing the problem is the first step to freedom! Try to eat a nutritious, balanced diet...perhaps see a nutritionist. Challenge any "distorted thinking" you may have about yourself, weight and eating. Try not to keep it a secret, and talk to receptive family, friends and/or a physician. Be available for your friend by listening to their feelings and don't nag about food. Encourage her or him to seek professional help. Don't allow issues of food to dominate the friendship. Be prepared for them to deny they have a problem but tell them of your suspicions and how it makes you feel. What are friends for?

So...if you or a friend has an eating disorder, NURTURE yourself and seek treatment. You don't have to go it alone!

Candace Lahti is a Fourth Year Social Work Student who is doing her placement at Student Services. You can connect with Student Services by dropping in to Room L-210 at the R.D. Parker Building. We're easy to find — SS is located in the hallway beside the bookstore, just past the Women's Centre.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Sudbury hospital in need of nurses

BY NEIL ZACHARJEWICZ

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Sudbury Regional Hospital is looking for a few good nurses.

"There are significant opportunities for nurses at the Sudbury Regional Hospital," said David McNeil, VP Clinical Programs and Chief Nursing Office for the hospital. "Sudbury Regional Hospital, on average, hires 60 to 80 nurses per year. Last year, we actually hired 99 nurses."

That, he noted, is more than the 89 students due to graduate from nursing programs across Sudbury this spring. McNeil pointed out that, with the aging workforce, there is a larger proportion of nurses retiring, creating more jobs for newly graduated nurses looking for work.

"They are predicting an international shortage of nurses in the next three to five years," McNeil said. Furthermore, he noted there are several good reasons to choose the Sudbury Regional Hospital.

One advantage that nursing graduates who have studied in Sudbury enjoy that other potential job applicants do not is that they, by virtue of having studied in the Sudbury area, they are already familiar with the policies, procedures, system and lay-out of the Sudbury Regional Hospital.

"That is a plus for them," McNeil pointed out. Also, he noted, Sudbury offers many great lifestyle opportunities that cannot be found in Southern Ontario.

With regard to Southern Ontario, McNeil said that many graduates believe that by finding



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The Sudbury Regional Hospital is looking for students who will be graduating from Laurentian's Nursing program to help fill some of their vacant positions.

work in the South, they will find more advanced care experience. But McNeil pointed out that is actually a myth. Volume-wise,

Sudbury is the 12th largest hospital in Ontario, and is fairly close in size to the Mt. Sinai Hospital. The spectrum of serv-

ices the Sudbury Regional Hospital is comparable to many other hospitals, including the emergency, ambulatory care, medical surgical nursing, cardiac, and trauma programs, as well as in-patient and ambulatory care, and a cancer centre. The Sudbury Regional hospital offers a wide range in the continuum of care.

Another major plus for the Sudbury Regional Hospital, he noted, is the New Graduate Initiative, a program put in place by the government of Ontario to assist new nurses in transitioning into the workplace. Under the program, an additional graduate nurse can be added to a nursing shift, allowing them to learn while they work. As the program continues, they gradually find themselves taking on more and more responsibilities.

"It will be an opportunity for them to be mentored for 14 weeks," McNeil said.

Hopefully, nursing graduates will be able to find full-time work at the hospital, but there are a lot of hours available, he pointed out, and many part-time

nurses work close to full-time hours. Still, he noted 73 percent of the hours worked in the hospital are work by full-time staff.

The Sudbury Regional Hospital has long been an employer of Laurentian students, McNeil noted.

"We are very significant employer of people from Laurentian University. The second largest in the city," McNeil said.

In fact, McNeil is a graduate of Laurentian, having graduated in 1988.

"Nursing has been a good field for me," McNeil said. Furthermore, he pointed out that many of his friends had graduated from Laurentian and moved to Southern Ontario to work moved home to enjoy the quality of life Sudbury has to offer.

"If they are looking for opportunities, we have opportunities," McNeil said.

Interested nursing graduates are invited to check out the Sudbury Regional Hospital's website, www.hrsrh.on.ca, and click on the 'Join Our Team' link.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Comedy event planned for LU

BY MATTHEW DESROSIER
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Most everyone has at least one friend who was bestowed with the gift of humour. Whether witty, sarcastic, or just plain goofy, it seems like they can always lighten the mood with a well timed joke.

"Laughter can appeal to everyone," said Joe Jesseau, one of the organizers of Comedy For a Cause. "We're looking to find hidden talent here at Laurentian University."

Comedy For a Cause is an event that is being held to showcase LU's funniest students while putting on a funny show at the same time. The organizers of the event are sending out a casting call to anyone who is willing to put themselves on stage and make people laugh. Your comedy routine can include music, props, or just good old fashioned stand up joke telling, as long as everything is your own original material. After choosing the top five acts, they will be put on stage and given five minutes each to show off their best stuff. The audience will then decide who was the funniest, and the winner will receive a portable DVD player (other prizes will be given out for participation as well).

Laurentian's very own aspiring comic, Bill Sanders, will be the MC for the event, as well as a performer himself. Sanders will be performing a short set in preparation for the headliner of the show, professional comedian Kelly Taylor. Taylor has performed at numerous events, including the Just For Laughs comedy festival.

"Kelly Taylor is a younger guy, and his comedy will appeal to the students," said Jesseau. "They'll enjoy him."

Comedy For a Cause is not only a comedy show, but also a fundraiser for Geneva House. Geneva House is charity that provides shelter for victims of domestic abuse.

"It is a smaller, local charity. All the money goes to the community," said Chris Pirie, another of the organizers for the event. When asked about why they chose to support the Geneva House, Pirie said, "It is a worthy cause, and they are affiliated with the SGA." Jesseau added that, "We are always going out to the community and asking for support, so we decided to give something back. We want to be a friend and partner to this community."

This event is being planned as part of the Event Management Class that is offered here at LU. Professor Steve Harrington teaches a class where students learn from experience, rather than from a textbook. Groups of students in the class get together to plan, organize and run various events. Tasks that were involved in Comedy For a Cause includes contract negotiations, talking to agents, budget and other financial management, as well as many others. This class has put on several successful events over the course of the year, including the SPAD Hockey Tournament and Tony Lee's XXX hypnotism show.

Comedy For a Cause will be at the Frasier Auditorium at 8pm on March 3rd. Tickets are \$10, with \$1 from each ticket and 50% of all sponsorships going to the Geneva House charity. Come out and share a laugh with your fellow students as amateur comic Bill Sanders, professional comic Kelly Taylor and five of your funniest friends take to the stage and perform comedy for a cause.

Voyageurs win back-to-back games

BY DEREK RENZINI
SPORTS EDITOR

The Laurentian Voyageurs took to the court of the Ben Avery Gymnasium last weekend for their last back to back home stand of the year and put on two impressive performances.

On Friday night, the Voyageurs hosted the winless Royal Military College Paladins and simply put; blew them out of the water. Laurentian dictated the pace of the game from the opening tip-off and never let up, crushing the Paladins, 71-33.

The first half was highlighted by a blistering start by the Voyageurs, who wasted no time showing their dominance and establishing a 35-2 point lead heading into halftime. Laurentian had a strangle hold on RMC defensively; holding them scoreless for the first 8 minutes of the game. Every Voyageur player was also given the opportunity to log some playing time and everyone contributed, as each player scored at least one basket.

Heading into the second half, Laurentian maintained their defensive intensity and although the Paladins were able to generate some offence, they were dominated in all aspects of the game. They only shot 21% from the floor (11-53), which complements the Voyageurs strong defence. They were also out-rebounded 48-22 by the Voyageurs, who controlled the offensive and defensive glass all game long.

High scorer for Laurentian was rookie Paul Kovacs with 10 points and 7 rebounds. Other contributors were fourth year veteran, Ben Palmer with 9 points and rookie Brady Bolan with 8 points.

"We played great defence during the first half", said Head Coach Virgil Hill. "Everyone was able to contribute tonight."

The Voyageurs hoped to keep their drive going on Saturday night as they searched for yet another win against the Queen's University Golden

Gaels. In what proved to be a highly competitive contest, the Voyageurs were able to execute throughout the game and handle a gritty Queen's squad, as they came away victorious, winning 65-56.

Both teams took turns trading baskets during the course of the first half, as no team was able to take full control of the game. The Voyageurs battled hard and went into halftime with a three point cushion, leading 27-24.

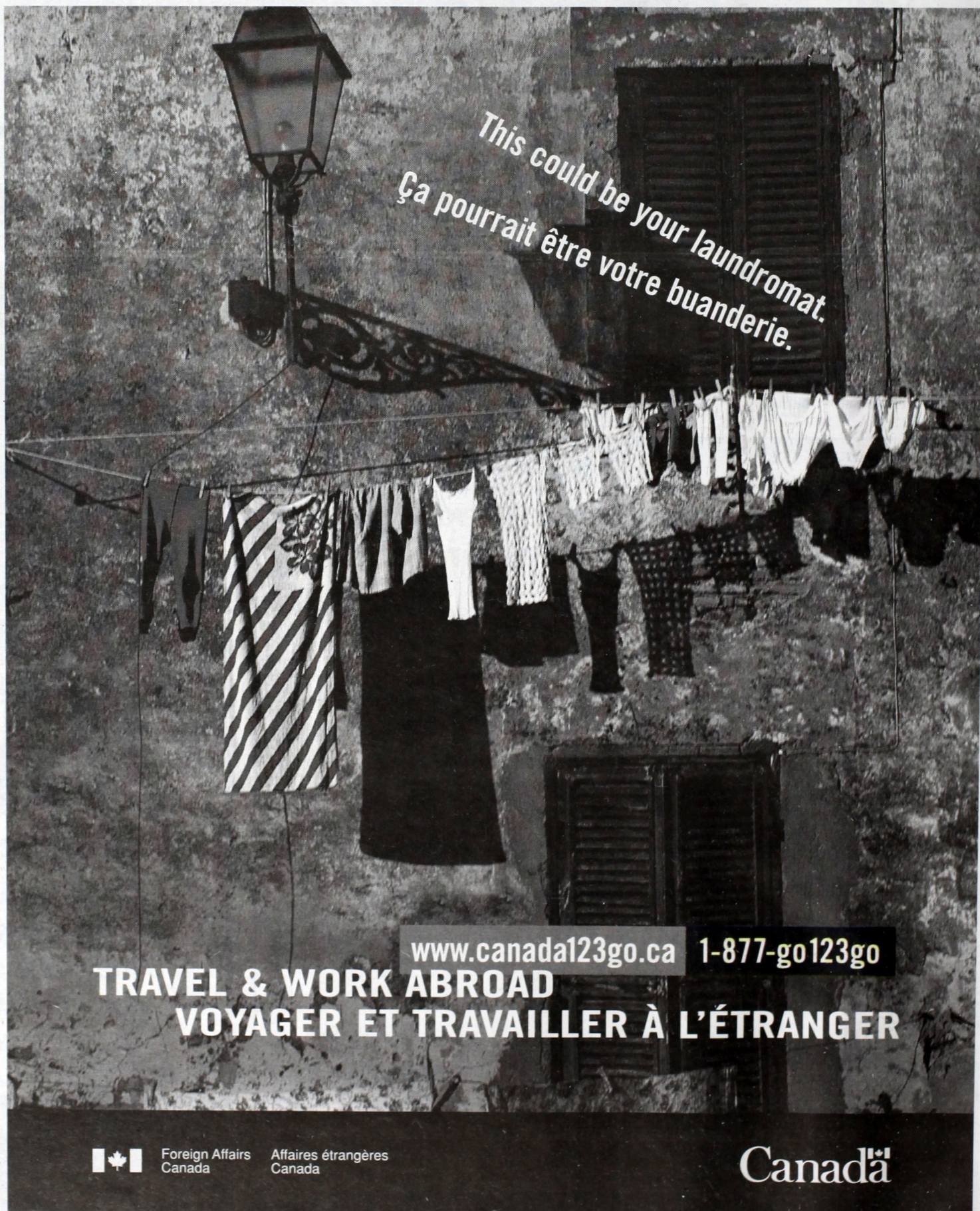
In the second half, Laurentian was able to hold off numerous surges from a relentless Golden Gaels squad, who were able to cut the Voyageur's lead to 1 point with less than 10 minutes remaining in the ball game. However, in the end, clutch free-throw shooting and discipline at the offensive end of the court was the formula for success for the Voyageurs.

Brody Bishop led the charge for Laurentian, scoring 18 points off the bench, along with 4 assists and 4 rebounds. Matt Brown also added 15 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 2 steals in the winning effort.

"We played a good game tonight," commented Head Coach Virgil Hill. "We played with a lot of poise for 40 minutes, and we were able to execute against a stingy defence."

The Voyageurs will wrap up their season against the York University Lions and will ironically be playing the Lions in the OUA East Quarterfinals on Wednesday, February 22nd at York University. Laurentian defeated York in their first game of the regular season and will be focused and ready to go come playoff time.

"We've improved all season long and have been playing good basketball," said Voyageurs Head Coach Virgil Hill. "Every player on this team is capable of contributing and producing and we'll be ready for York."



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CAMPUS NEWS

3rd Annual Airbandz a huge success

BY ROBIN CROWDER
A&E EDITOR

Students and community members were once again treated to an awesome show on Saturday February 11th as LUL Residence hosted its 3rd annual Airbandz for Cancer competition.

Airbandz is essentially a lip synching contest where groups of residence students put together and perform some of their favourite musical acts in an effort to raise funds for cancer research. This year featured a diverse show including performances by hip hop, pop, oldies, and movie theme song groups, all of which were extremely well done and entertaining. In an interesting twist this year, MCs Patrick "Paddy" Murphy and Josh "J-Mac" MacIntyre, got the crowd going with their opening portrayal of Aladdin's "A Whole New World"...complete with skimpy Arabian costume!

The groups are judged by a panel of big campus names, including LU President Judith Woodsworth, SGA President Luke Norton, Pub Downunder manager Clint Gibbons, Airbandz founder Michael "Dex" Brown, and a well known music man from Hamilton, Vince Kuber. Scores are based on creativity,



Robin Crowder / LAMBDA
Group members from "Late Registration" perform their winning airband, a pumped up Kanye West medley.

accuracy and overall performance – in other words, contestants need to look, act and sing like their original artists.

Taking home the big prizes this year were: in third place, 64 The Money who opened the show with a hip hop performance; second place went to the residents of the B1st Beavers, also known as the M-Crew, who took audience members through the decades with popular Madonna songs. Finally, pulling in the grand prize of 500\$ was the veteran group composed of Adam Brooks, Tim Rallis, Anthony Galloro, Andrew "Dafto" Kooren, Nathan Otterman, Ahmad Qualib, Kyle Martin, Keri-Lynn Robinson and Lindsay Lumsden who put on a stellar Kanye West medley – complete with an appearance by the one and only "Ray Charles".

However, the real winner of the evening was the Northern Ontario Cancer Treatment Centre who received a cheque for over \$10 thousand in funds raised by

the event – an amount well over the goal set by the event organizers. The money was raised through a "floor-mometer" competition in both UC and SSR, ticket, t-shirt and program sales, a 50-50 draw and donations incited by Paddy Murphy who announced that for 300\$ in donations from audience members, he would shave off the hair he had been growing for a year. Naturally, the audience responded by bringing \$20 bills to the stage... \$600 later, Murphy sat down as the crowd cheered at every lock of hair that hit the floor.

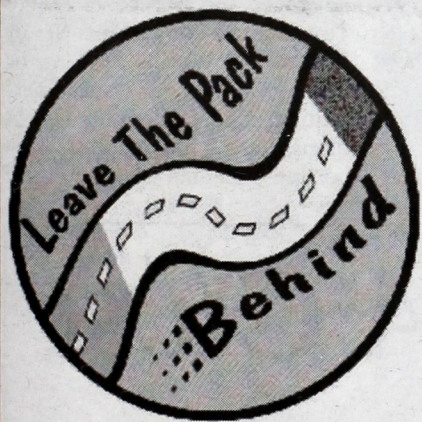
All in all, an enjoyable evening with congratulations going out to all the performers and of course to the residence volunteers who worked tirelessly over the year to put it all together. Great job once again!

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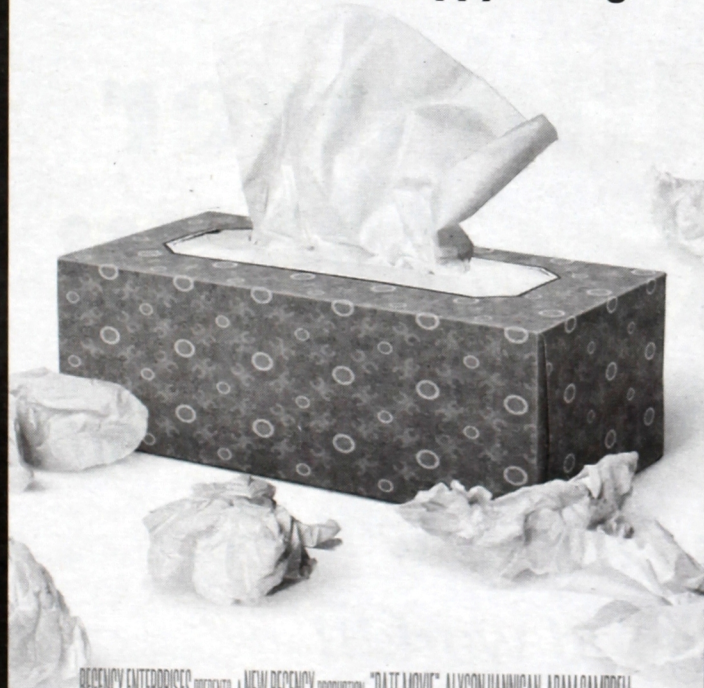
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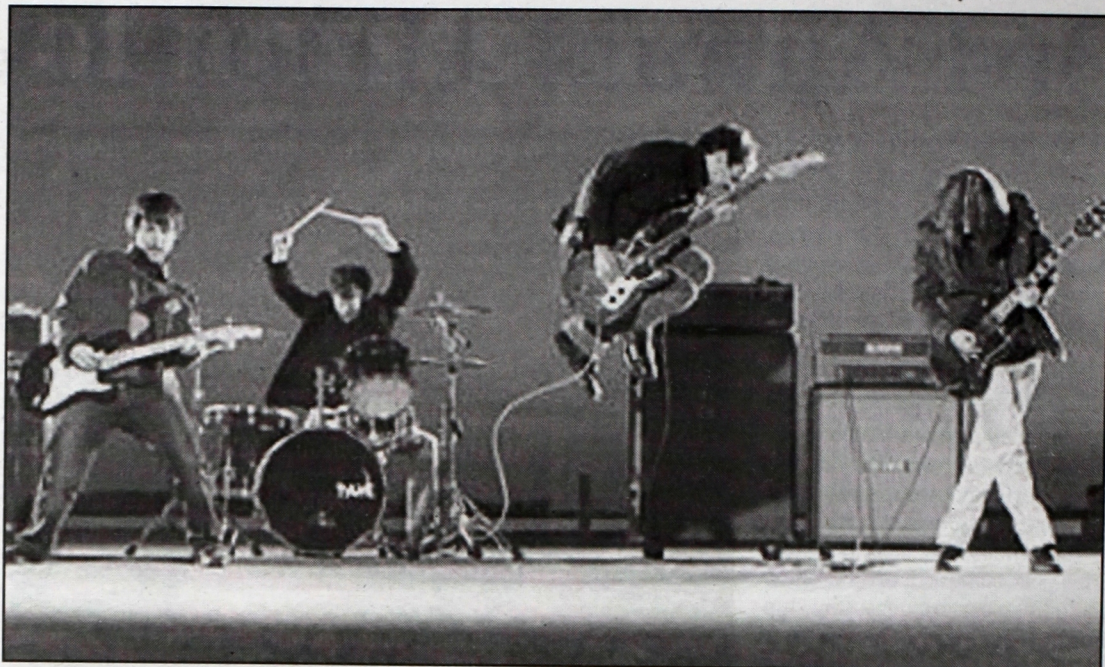
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The Trews, a popular Canadian Rock'n'Roll band, are playing the Townhouse on Tuesday, March 7th. Tickets available in advance at the Townhouse and Records on Wheels.

The Trews set to rock Sudbury

BY ROBIN CROWDER
A&E EDITOR

Looking for a good reason to come back to Sudbury after reading week (other than the last two months of school of course...) Popular live music venue the Townhouse Tavern once again hosts a popular Canadian rock'n'roll band on Tuesday March 7th.

The Trews, previously known under names such as the Trousers and the One I'd Trouser, are returning to Sudbury at the beginning of next month. For those of you who think you are unfamiliar with the group – think again! The first single, Not Ready to Go, on their album House of Ill Fame quick-

ly jumped to #1 on Canadian rock radio in 2004, while the album itself sold over ten billion copies. Since then, the group has performed over 400 shows in two years, has been nominated for Junos, Much Music Awards, East Coast Music awards and has opened for bands such as Evanescence, Finger Eleven, Nickelback and the Rolling Stones. The Trews second album, Den of Thieves was released in 2005 and chances are, even if you don't recognize the name, you'll probably recognize the music. Check out their website, www.thetrewsmusic.com for further information.

Joining band members

Colin MacDonald, John-Angus MacDonald, Jason Syperek and Sean Dalton at the Townhouse will be opening acts Rocketface and Superstack.

Word is already starting to spread and the hype is building so get your ticket soon to avoid disappointment! Currently, only one show is scheduled for the Tuesday night, but organizers are hoping to add a second one on March 8th, should the first one sell out. Tickets are \$20 in advance, for purchase at the Townhouse on Elgin St or Records on Wheels on Elm, or will \$25 at the door – space permitting. Come on out for a night of guaranteed fun, all while supporting Canadian talent!

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SPORTS

Lady Vees win some more

BY DEREK RENZINI
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Vees played host to the Royal Military College Paladins and the Queens University Golden Gaels this past weekend and looked to improve their record while gaining momentum heading into the playoffs.

The Lady Vees took to the court Friday night against the RMC Paladins, motivated and charged up and demonstrated why they are the superior team, easily defeating the Paladins, 99-35.

From the get-go, the Lady Vees took control of the game, scoring easy baskets off RMC turnovers and making things very difficult for the Paladins at the offensive end of the floor. The Lady Vees continued to expand on their lead with their suffocating defence and a relentless offensive assault as they went into halftime leading, 45-18.

In the second half, Laurentian continued their consistent play by executing at both ends of the court. It was a true team effort as the Vees utilized their whole bench throughout the game to come away with the win.

All-Canadian, Cassandra Carpenter was the leading scorer for the Lady Vees. She netted 30 points (as she set the new OUA single-season scoring record). Also, Darrah Bumstead added 15 points and Christi Bauck finished with the game with 12 points.

The Lady Vees Head Coach Mike Clarke was more than happy to come away with an easy win. "RMC had a short bench and a couple injuries that contributed to our win tonight," he said. "We're just happy we were able to use our whole bench to take home the win".

On Saturday night, the Queen's Golden Gaels rolled into town and the Lady Vees looked to end their weekend with another win. An all out effort from the Vees allowed them to come away with the victory, edging the Golden Gaels by a score of 65-60.

The Lady Vees got off to a great start, establishing an early 12-0 lead but the Golden Gaels got back on the right track and cut the deficit to only 6 points. The Lady Vees led, 31-25, heading into the half.

In the second half, the Vees allowed the Golden Gaels to put together several scoring runs which resulted in the game being tied with 8 minutes remaining. Eight lead changes later, the Lady Vees toughness paid off as they were able to take the lead for good.

Once again, Cassandra Carpenter scored 30 points, which places her first all-time for total career points among Lady Vees. Also, Christi Bauck added 10 points off the bench.

"We struggled a little bit, but we had a strong finish," said Head Coach Mike Clarke. "I am really happy with the way we have been playing."

The Lady Vees will play their last regular season game against the York Lions and will then have home court advantage in their first playoff game on Saturday, February 22nd.

Laurentian is unsure who their opponent will be but Lady Vees Head Coach Mike Clark is very pleased with how his team has developed.

"We're playing extremely well and everyone on this team knows their role is capable of stepping up," said Clarke. "We're looking forward to the playoffs."

LU Swim Teams post impressive results

BY DEREK RENZINI
SPORTS EDITOR

Last weekend Laurentian University hosted the Ontario University Athletics swimming championships. All weekend long, swimmers from universities around Ontario battled it out in the Olympic Gold Pool in effort to place their schools on top of the leader board. Both Laurentian swim teams, the Aqua and Lady Vees held their own against some stiff competition and also posted some great individual results.

The Lady Vees were without their top swimmer, Stephanie Kuhn, who could only encourage and support her teammates from the pool deck due to an unanticipated injury she suffered a week ago. Even with Kuhn out of the water, the Vees showed their determination as they finished sixth overall out of thirteen

schools. For the Lady Vees, Erin O'Neil swam under the Canadian Interuniversity Sport national standard time of 2:26.16 in the 800 metre butterfly, which earns her a spot at Nationals in Ste Foy, Quebec in a week's time.

Kuhn will also be joining O'Neil, as she swam under the CIS qualifying time earlier in the year.

The Aqua Vees were led by Ryan Smith who had an amazing weekend. Smith won gold in the 400-metre individual medley on Friday and then claimed yet another first place finish in the 200-metre IM on Saturday. He also finished fourth in the 200-metre backstroke and 200-metre butterfly and will be the only LU male swimmer heading to nationals. However, Smith's great performance should not overshadow the solid effort put forth by his fellow teammates,

who all swam great races throughout the competition, which contributed to their team's eighth place overall finish.

"I'm very proud of the effort from both our swim teams," said Head Coach Phil Parker. "We trained hard all year long and truly had a great season."

CIS Championships will kick off on February 24th in Ste Foy, Quebec.

OUA SWIM TEAM RESULTS

Men - Team Scores

Place	School	Points
1)	University of Toronto	- 961.50
2)	University of Western Ontario	- 884
3)	McMaster University	- 396
4)	University of Guelph	- 376
5)	UW Warriors	- 306
6)	Carleton Ravens	- 305
7)	University of Ottawa	

GeeGees	- 228
8) Laurentian Voyageurs	- 210.50
9) Queen's University	- 139
10) WLU Golden Hawks	- 90
11) Brock Badgers	- 80
12) York University	- 30
13) Trent University	- 7

Women - Team Scores

Place	School	Points
1)	University of Toronto	- 1,065
2)	McMaster University	- 600
3)	University of Western Ontario	- 569
4)	University of Guelph	- 521.50
5)	Queen's University	- 461
6)	Laurentian Voyageurs	- 205
7)	Brock Badgers	- 160
8)	University of Ottawa	- 147
9)	WLU Golden Hawks	- 141
10)	Carleton Ravens	- 84
11)	UW Warriors	- 43
12)	Trent University	- 25.50
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CAMPUS NEWS

Laurentian Political Science students take over Parliament

BY LAURA THERRIEN
LAMBDA CONTRIBUTOR

Political Science Students from Laurentian University may soon be future leaders in Canadian politics and are getting an early start thanks to their opportunity to take over the House of Commons. On January 6th, students experience a taste of government during the 14th annual Model Parliament. The event, organised by the Laurentian University Political Science Association (LUPSA) was the largest Model Parliament with 125 student participants including four exchange students from France.

The Model Parliament allowed students to take part in simulated procedures in both official languages and gained familiarity with the legislative body. Every participant represented their preferred political party and carry out motions on their behalf. The Laurentian "House" was composed of 48 Liberals, 23 Conservatives, 22 New Democrats, 21 Bloc Québécois, and one member of each the Green and Independent parties.

During the day long session, party leaders and their caucus dealt with key issues that affected Canada. The Conservatives under Colin Marshall's leadership, took a stance on gun control while Prime Minister Nathan Chevrier and his Liberal minority government brought down a budget and introduced a bill on Democratic Renewal. Students also has the opportunity to test their strength of character during a gruelling Question Period and delivered solid speeches to their fellow Cabinet members.

"It [was] a chance for them to work in teams, to be leaders, to research issues, to decide where they stand ideologically, and give them a memorable university experience," said Dr. Rand Dyck, Laurentian Professor Emeritus.

Laurentian University is one of the few universities that offer such an exciting experience where students have the ability to utilise key skills. Through hands-on experience, they are gaining valuable knowledge that will compliment their studies. Graduates have even described their participation in this event as an important tool in their career opportunities on both federal and provincial levels.

"The organizers work really hard to get it all going. Many of us hope that the Model Parliament continues to thrive in a way that both Rand and us know and love it to be," said Eric Lefebvre, who was participating for his

second time.

The Political Science students feel that the Model Parliament is a great way for students to learn, interact and understand the fundamentals

of politics. The event continues to be a success thanks to the generosity of the Speaker of the Commons and his staff, organizers noted.



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